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SUBJECT: PHAN QUANG DAN IN MANILA PROMOTING RESTORATION OF VN
CEASEFIRE

1. VIETNAMESE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PHAN QUANG DAN, WHO IS
CARRENTLY IN MANILA ATTENDING CONFERENCE ON HUMAN
RESETTLEMENT, CALLED ON PRESIDENT MARCOS MARCH 19. DURING
COURSE OF CALL, DR. DAN ASKED MARCOS TO ASSIST IN RESTORING
CEASE-FIRE TO VIET-NAM. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT
ISSUED BY PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE AFTER VISIT, MARCOS
EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH DAN'S REQUEST, AND REFERRED HIS
PROPOSAL TO THE FOREIGN POLICY COUNCIL.

2. AFTER SEEING MARCOS, DR. DAN INVITED ME FOR PRIVATE
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DRINK AT VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. HE SAID HIS

REQUEST TO MARCOS WAS PART OF AN EFFORT TO ELICIT STATEMENTS OF ASIAN SUPPORT FOR A PROMPT RETURN TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND OBSERVANCE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. HE SAID THAT JAPAN HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT. IT WAS HIS INTENTION, AFTER RETURNING TO SAIGON, TO VISIT OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN CAPITALS TO SEEK EITHER SEPARATE STATEMENTS OR A JOINT APPEAL FOR A CEASE-FIRE.

3. DR. DAN THEN LAUNCHED INTO LONG DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULTIES FACED BY SAIGON BECAUSE OF U.S. RESTRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT CONSCIOUS DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO SURRENDER TERRITOR IN HAUT PLATEAU "TEMPORARILY" IN ORDER PROTECT SAIGON, THE MEKONG, AND THE "STRIKING FORCE." HE FELT THE POPULATION IN THE AREA, INCLUDING MONTAGNARDS, WOULD VOTE WITH THEIR FEET" AND CLEARLY STIGMATIZE THE AGGRESSOR. HE WONDERED IF THESE ACTION, PLUS STATEMENTS FROM "THE DOMINOES," WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE ATTITUDE OF U.S. CONGRESS TO VOTE AID FUNDS.

4. I POINTED OUT THAT I WAS NO LONGER IN DAY-TO-DAY TOUCH WITH THINGS VIETNAMESE AND HAD NO RPT NO CLEAR VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS. HOWEVER, FROM READING THE NEWS, I HAD IMPRESSION THAT ANY FUNDS CONGRESS MIGHT VOTE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOME CONDITION THAT SAIGON SHOULD MAKE MORE EFFORT TOWARDS POLITICAL SOLUTION, HOWEVER VAGUE THAT MIGHT BE. DAN IMMEDIATELY REPLIED THAT SUCH CONDITION WOULD CAUSE NO RPT NO PROBLEM. THIEU WAS ALWAYS READY TO NEGOTIATE AND HE, DAN, WOULD STRONGLY URGE HIM TO DESIGNATE SOME OPPOSITIONISTS AS A "THIRD FORCE" IN ORDER TO MOVE NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD. HE ASKED IF I THOUGHT THAT WOULD HELP.

5. I SAID THAT I SUPPOSED SO, BUT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT SATISFY HANOI. I WENT ON TO SAY THAT I THOUGHT IT MOST UNFORTUNATE THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES HAD RENEGED ON PROPOSALS I MADE DURING MY LAST TRIP THERE IN SPRING OF 1973 TO WORK OUT "ZONES OF CONTROL" WITH LAO DONG. IF SUCH ZONES HAD BEEN AGREED, KONTUM, PLEIKU, AND BAN ME THNOT WOULD ALL CLEARLY HAVE BEEN IN GVN HANDS. NOW THEIR FUTURE WAS DOUBTFUL.

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6. DAN BLITHELY SAID THAT LAO DONG FORCES WOULD RETIRE WHEN THE RAINS CAME AND GVN WOULD REOCCUPY THE HAUT PLATEAU CITIES. IN THE MEANTIME, HE HAD NO WORRY ABOUT TAKING CARE OF THE REFUGEES - SENATOR KENNEDY WOULD ALWAYS VOTE MONEY FOR THAT.

7. COMMENT: DAN APPEARS TO BE ENGAGED IN HIS NORMAL FREE-WHEELING WITH NORMAL LIMITED REALITY. I GAINED IMPRESSION

THAT BOTH ASIAN DECLARATION AND THIRD FORCE DELEGATION
WERE HIS OWN IDEAS, WHICH HE EXPECTS TO PRESENT TO THIEU.
SINCE HE MAY ATTEMPT ATTRIBUTE THIRD FORCE TO ME, I HAVE
RECORDED CONVERSATION CAREFULLY. I DOUBT HE WILL REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID ABOUT ZONES OF CONTROL.
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